

BOARD OF HEALTH
Bangs Community Center: Room 101
Minutes

February 12, 2015

BOH Members: Diane Amsterdam, MD; Nancy Gilbert; Julie Marcus, John Tobiason
BOH Excused: Marco Boscardin
Staff: Julie Federman; Pamela Field-Sadler
Other: See Attached Sign In Sheet.

Meeting opened at 5:00 p.m.

I. Review & Receive

A. Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes from January 15, 2015 – Approved
Vote: Amsterdam-Aye; Gilbert-Aye; Marcus-Aye; Tobiason-Abstain

II. New Business

A. Amherst Corner Tobacco License Review

Ms. Federman informed the Board of Health (BOH) Amherst Corner remains non-compliant with the business license renewal process. Due to the pattern of negligence to obtain compliance, a Cease and Desist order was served preventing the sale of tobacco products. The business owner had been directed to attend the BOH meeting; Ms. Federman received a note he will not attend. Ms. Federman has not observed the store open. The Police Department can aid in the enforcement of the Cease and Desist order. The business also holds a Retail Store license; this license is in non-compliance due to a returned payment. Ms. Federman will consult Attorney Sbarra, and Town Counsel regarding appropriate further steps.

Motion: Dr. Amsterdam made the motion, seconded by Mr. Tobiason to support Ms. Federman's enforcement of the Cease and Desist order served against Amherst Corner.
Vote: Approved

B. Hitchcock Center Proposed Living Building

Representatives from the Berkshire Design Group, designLAB Architects and the Hitchcock Center for the Environment in attendance.

The Hitchcock Center for the Environment is developing designs plans for an environmental education building to be located within the Hampshire College campus. The building is being designed with the intention of meeting the requirements of the Living Building Challenge including zero net water status. Representatives for the project provided a presentation of the design systems for rainwater harvest, and the collection, treatment and disposal for greywater. A certified licensed operator will be hired to oversee system operations upon completion. The proposed project requires permitting through the Amherst Building Department and Department of Environmental Protection; a letter of support from the Board of Health (BOH) is required to obtain the necessary permits.

Motion: Ms. Marcus made the motion, seconded by Mr. Tobiason to draft a letter in support of the Hitchcock Center for the Environment's building project.

Vote: Approved

Ms. Federman will update a template letter for approval.

III. Old Business

A. Draft Tobacco Regulation

Mary Kersell was in attendance.

The Board of Health (BOH) continued reviewing the *Sample Regulation Restricting The Sale Of Tobacco Products*. The BOH discussed the legal age to purchase tobacco products, and the inclusion of additional citations. Ms. Kersell will consult with Attorney Sbarra regarding language to clarify Section E (11). Ms. Federman will request the current student tobacco usage data be forwarded from the school superintendent for incorporation. The BOH discussed the possibility to hold a hearing in April to receive public comments. Ms. Kersell will forward an updated draft regulation for the BOH to consider.

IV. Topics Not Anticipated By the Chair 48 Hours Prior To The Meeting

Nothing was brought forward.

V. Director's Report and Update

A. Community Mental Health Conversation

The Amherst League of Women Voters and the MA Department of Mental Health are jointly presenting an opportunity for public discussion to gain a better understanding of mental health and encourage a supportive recovery community. The Health Department and the Board of Health have been invited to be co-sponsors.

Motion: Mr. Tobiason made the motion, seconded by Dr. Amsterdam, to co-sponsor the *Good Mental Health: It Starts with a Conversation* as invited.

Vote: Approved

VI. Schedule Next Board of Health Meeting/Agenda Closing Date

The following Board of Health meetings are scheduled:

March 12, 2015

April 9, 2015

May 14, 2015

These meetings will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Pamela Field-Sadler, Management Assistant

Approved: March 12, 2015

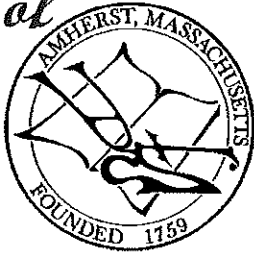
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Meeting Document List

The following documents were available to the Board of Health during their scheduled meeting. These documents are available for review at the:

Amherst Health Department, 70 Boltwood Walk, Amherst, MA 01002

- Meeting Agenda
- Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2015 (draft)
- Amherst Corner License Review (correspondence)
- Hitchcock Center Proposed Living Building Water Systems
(Submitted by The Berkshire Design Group)
 1. Opening Letter
 2. Proposed Public Water Supply – Rainwater Harvest System Summary
 3. Proposed Title 5 Pilot Program Summary
- Draft Tobacco Regulation
 1. *Sample Regulation Restricting The Sale of Tobacco Products*

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BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Sign In Sheet

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5:00 p.m.

NAME (Please Print Clearly) ADDRESS/AFFILIATION/TITLE

1. SAM B. BACHELOR DESIGN/AB ARCHITECTS/HITCHCOCK CENTER
2. Scott Merzban Gazette / Bulletin
3. Mary Kersell FH-STOPP
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